NIFA in the News – Week of June 25, 2012

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USDA Awards Organix NIFA Grant for scalable, integrated anaerobic digester & fiber processing unit (Sacramento Bee 6/25) Organix, Inc. of Walla Walla, Washington announced today that it has been awarded a USDA, National Food and Agriculture grant to develop a combined anaerobic digestion and aerobic conditioning system. Link
Carolyn Dimitri to study the economics of urban farming with $453,000 USDA Grant (City Farmer News 6/25) A recently awarded $453,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture will allow the associate professor and researchers at Penn State to study urban agriculture in fifteen cities. The project is titled, The State Of Urban Farming In The United States: Enhancing The Viability Of Small And Medium-Sized Commercial Urban Farms. Link
USDA NIFA requests applications for AFRI food safety challenge (GrainNet News 6/28) The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) has released requests for applications (RFA) to support improving the safety of the food supply and reducing food-borne illnesses in the United States through research, education and extension. Link
Vilsack celebrates land grant research (Farm Futures, 6/29) Learning about agricultural research that has implications for fighting cancer, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today visited The Ohio State University's Center for Advanced Functional Foods Research and Entrepreneurship, where researchers are studying the development of novel functional foods and components that offer impressive benefits to health. Link